



A Vision for Mission

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If our church closed, would anyone notice? Would we be missed?

Thankfully, our church has a strong history of mission and serving the poor. We spend over 16% of our total budget on Missions.

The church is NOT a stagnant institution, it is a dynamic movement.

I. WHAT IS MISSIONS?

Latin *missio*, meaning "sending."

John 20:21: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Jesus give His Vision for Mission, during his first public sermon in Luke 4:16-21

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,*

*to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Many of these statements are physical and spiritual.

For example: the Greek word for poor is ptōchois (toe-HOS)- destitute, cower like a beggar,

But the word poor also describes **spiritually destitute, seeking divine mercy (Matthew 11:5, Luke 7:22).

So What is Missions, it's being sent out as God ambassadors of physical & spiritual renewal for all people

II. Why Missions Matters, why share the good news?

- Because our world is broken and needs physical and spiritual healing.

The Great Commandment - love your neighbor - meet physical needs

"The mystery of ministry is that the Lord is to be found where we minister. That is what Jesus tells us when he says: "Insofar as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40). Our care for people thus becomes the way to meet the Lord. The more we give, help, support, guide, counsel, and visit, the more we receive, not just similar gifts, but the Lord himself. To go to the poor is to go to the Lord. - Henri Nouwen

The Great commission - make disciples - meet Spiritual needs.

- **Humanity also needs spiritual reconciliation with the Father.**



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- Luke 5:31- 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

III. How do we Serve?

1. From an overflow of God's love

- Not from our own strength or willpower
- 1 John 4:19 "We love because He first loved us."
 - Mission begins with identity, not activity.

2. With Extravagant Love (unconditional love)

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you... Luke 14:13-14

3. In Humility - John 13:3-5

- Jesus washed the disciples' feet.
- The King of the universe chose a towel over a throne.
- What do I mean by that: **Sometimes it is better to receive than give.**
- When Jesus served others, he did it in an empowering way. In Luke 7 Jesus allows a poor woman to serve Him.

IV. Where do we serve?

Acts 1:8: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Barrier of living a Missional life

"I am not a missionary"

Serve Where God panted you: Mission is not a program. It was a lifestyle

- LOCAL: Your home, neighborhood, gym, sports field, workplace is a mission field.

Our Vision for Missions here at North Coast.

Compassion for All People - We follow Jesus into our world by loving and serving those in need as we build a bridge to our local and global communities.

Levels of church Engagement

1. Serve Once (yearly)
2. Serve Regularly (monthly)
3. Lead (weekly)

Impact Focus Areas

1. Gospel Sharing & Church Planting (Evangelism)
2. Justice, Compassion & Charity (Compassion)
3. Unity & City Transformation (Unity)



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Upcoming events:

- March 15 – Meal Packing
- May 23-25 — Mexico Home Build
- August 1 — Serve Day

Benediction - Read Philippians 2:5-8

- If you left your neighborhood, would anyone notice?
- To whom is God sending you.